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SUBJECT: LCU'S ON LOAN FROM NAVY

DOTA NO. 203-TT

FOR ACTING HICOM

REF A. HICOMTERPACIS 300404Z APR 76

REF B. DOTA TELEX OF DEC 24, 1975.

1. TERM OF LCU CONTRACT N0024-27-C-0020 BETWEEN NAVY AND INTERIOR EXPIRED MARCH 31, 1973. RECENT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN NAVY AND INTERIOR (OTA) INDICATE NAVY WILLING TO RENEW CONTRACT COVERING LCU'S 1476, 1483, 1495, 1497, 1520, 1482, AND 1499 SUBJECT TO EXISTING MATERIAL CONDITION OF EACH CRAFT. PRIOR TO RENEWING CONTRACT NAVY WOULD ALSO EXPECT ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF CONTRACT PERTAINING TO OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, DRYDOCKING, AND REPLACEMENT IN EVENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE.

2. YOUR RESPONSE TO REF B INDICATED ALL LCU'S IN OPERATING CONDITION. HOWEVER, SINCE THEN LCU 1495 SUFFERED STORM DAMAGE AND IS REPORTED TO BE BEYOND ECONOMICAL REPAIR. LCU 1482 GROUNDED IN TRUK LAST SUMMER AND MAY REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT REPAIRS TO HULL. PRIOR TO MEETING WITH NAVY

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TO DISCUSS LOAN RENEWAL, URGENTLY NEED COPY OF SURVEY
REPORT ON LCU 1495 AND REPORT OF DAMAGE AND PRESENT
MATERIAL CONDITION OF LCU 1482. COST OF REPLACEMENT
AND/OR REPAIRS OF LCU'S IS CHARGEABLE TO TTPI
DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

3. NEW SUBJECT. REQUEST ADVISE ACTIONS
TO REPLACE LCU 1495 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ROTA AND
TINIAN WITH ADEQUATE SEA TRANSPORTATION TO BRING FOOD
STUFFS, FUEL AND OTHER ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT TO THESE
ISLANDS. TRUK SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE TWO LCM8'S. IF
LCU 1482 IS IN GOOD OPERATING CONDITION REQUEST YOU
CONSIDER TRANSFER OF CRAFT FROM TRUK TO MARIANAS.
ACTING DOTA SENDS.
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